GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3915
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2008
DEFENCE DEAL WITH USA
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any old defence ship has been purchased from United States of America for Rs.200 crore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the utilization of that ship?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3915 FOR ANSWER ON 21.4.2008

A letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) was signed by the Indian side on 31st July 2006 for the acquisition of a Landing Platform Dock (ex-USS Trenton) from the USA at a total cost of US Dollar 48.23 million. The total cost included the cost of the ship, cost of 04 Landing Craft Mechanized (LCMs), spares, documentation, crew training, cost of the ship refit, etc. During the execution of the refit work package, it was considered necessary by Indian Navy to increase the scope of work. The refit work package was, therefore, completed with increased scope of work. On the whole, the total cost of the project increased by US Dollar 2.4 million. The ship was old but the Indian Navy assessed her residual life to be above 10 years. After completion of refit, the ship arrived in India in September 2007. The ship can be used for amphibious operations as well as disaster relief.